

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Intermodal Passenger Subcommittee**

State Aeronautics Building – Capital City Airport

Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2008

Start time: 10:18 a.m.

Members Present: Gretchen Driskell, Sylvester Payne, and Kirk Steudle

Members Absent: Linda Atkinson

Meeting was called to order by Sylvester Payne. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Public comment was solicited at the beginning and end of the meeting. No comments were made by interested citizens. (A representative from the Michigan Environmental Council and Detroit Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting.)

Sharon Edgar (MDOT – BPT) presented the Passenger Transportation Current/Good/Better Needs Investment document to the Subcommittee for review and comment.

Gretchen took the lead in discussing specific parts of the document that require further clarification or changes. Areas of concern include:

- Clarify how toll credit revenues and CTF bonding was used in the past to leverage federal funds and the inability to continue this practice in the future. (Tim Hoeffner recommended that this issue be addressed in the appendix using data from the long range plan.)
- In reference to describing the need for more state funding, clarify how this new funding applies to the federal match. (Sharon stated that not all state funding is used to cover the federal match. Some state programs are not supported by the feds, and the need can only be addressed by increasing state funds.)
- Mentioned that we follow the recommendations of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission when this report is drafted. (This issue relates to the concern that we need to work more closely with the feds on programs that are important to Michigan, but are not being funded at the federal level.
- Provide better explanation of the types of federal funds that flow to Michigan. There are three types; “known” funding, “potential” funding, and “speculative” funding. Gretchen recommended that the categories be changed from “known” funding to “existing” funding, “potential” funding to “competitive” funding, and “speculative” funding to “proposed” funding, to help the audience better understand the differences between them.

- Ribbon charts are difficult to read and the order should be the same as what is in the narrative. Sharon stated that the charts are consistent with other Subcommittee's charts, but she would be amenable to making any changes.
- Charts need to clearly point out how much new money can be leveraged under current/good/better scenarios. (Tim mentioned that the TF2 Committee would be more interested in knowing what the specific benefits/outcome would be from the funding invested in each scenario.)
- We need to show why the investments outlined in this document are important to Michigan, as most people don't understand this. The narrative should be descriptive enough so that the person on the street would understand this.
- The beginning of the document should include trend data to help the readers understand the investments that are being discussed in this report.
- Questioned how the Carpool Lot Program and Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs Analysis would be integrated into the other Subcommittee reports. These programs should be highlighted in the Passenger Transportation report so it does not get lost in the Highway report.
- The Carpool Lot Program long-term planning should include locals/MPO's. (Tim mentioned the inclusion of carpool maps into the report and that we also need to work with other interests in order to explore private sector park and ride opportunities (i.e. Meijers Park and Rides).
- Need to ensure that local pedestrian needs are addressed in this report. (Currently we do not know the gaps in local needs.)
- Provide maps of multi-use trails and rail trails to the report.
- Tim mentioned that the report should provide an historical snapshot of carpool lot(s) usage over time to demonstrate how gas prices have impacted this program.
- Reorder the Passenger Transportation report to first include the passenger service and carpool lot program and then transit.

Sylvester will work with Clark Harder to draft the best scenario vision for local transit. The Subcommittee also invited the representative from the Michigan Environmental Council (Darryl) to share their vision of public transit.

If necessary, a meeting was scheduled for June 23, 2008 to address any outstanding issues.

- End Time: 12:05 p.m.